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ACIDS ENCODING THEM AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title, add:

--This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. application serial no. 60/199,924, filed April 26, 2000, which application is hereby incorporated by reference herein.--

Respectfully submitted,

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